

Editorial Reply

“Sisyphus in Suffolk”

I found it shocking to hear Cablevision's editorial endorsing the voucher system for housing homeless sex offenders. The voucher system neglects Suffolk County's responsibility to insure the safety of our residents.

Once a homeless sex offender receives a voucher, he is free to go anywhere, as long as it is not in a restricted area. Under the voucher system there is no supervision on these potentially dangerous criminals.

My legislation would establish shelters for no more than six homeless sex offenders, providing 24/7 monitoring and located in non-residential areas. To more fairly spread the burden of housing homeless sex offenders, no more than one shelter could be located in any town or county legislative district.

My proposal is the first plan that directly addresses our state-mandated responsibility to house homeless sex offenders while protecting the safety of our residents. The voucher system, on the other hand, is a disaster waiting to happen--maybe in your neighborhood.

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